

HB 2490 -- WATER QUALITY

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This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to adopt rules establishing a voluntary water pollutant trading program for both point and nonpoint sources discharging to surface waters. The department must also develop a procedure to facilitate water pollutant trading consistent with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. For point sources, the trading is to be addressed in NPDES permits and for nonpoint sources, the department must work with the Department of Agriculture to develop a certification program for credits to be used by nonpoint sources and within the NPDES program.

The bill also exempts all wastewater treatment facilities with a design flow of 22,500 gallons per day or less from antidegradation review requirements.